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In re the Application of: **Hidekazu MICHIOKA et al.**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2009, and having a response due date set for September 23, 2009. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

A concurrently filed one month Petition for Extension of Time extends the period of response to end on October 23, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

An Appendix, including amended drawing figures, is attached following page 12 of this paper.